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EDITOR'S NOTES —

We would like to dedicate this issue to one of our members. Mr. William H. Jackson, who will be 102 years old on October 16, 1981. Up until lately Mr. Jackson has been a great help to this writer as he would go back in his memory and bring out some almost forgotten event that happened years ago. He and his wife Buelah still live in their own home at 700 N. Main where she cooks his meals and takes care of him.

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In telling of the gasoline tank at the Patterson Garage we told that it was of 100 barrel capacity. That should have read 100 gallon tank.

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The story of "Whose Baby Was This?" caused quite some comment. It seems that Lee Withers was not the only boy that found the baby. There were three boys. Lee was the oldest. When the boys discovered the baby the smell of carbolic acid was so strong the boys noticed that right away. Lee Withers being the largest boy he picked up the baby. The other three were smaller and very scared as they ran for home not stopping until they got home and told their parents. The baby grew up moved to Colorado and married a former Woodson County boy. The real mother was never found.

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Our cover picture this time is one of the Stockebrand and Stockebrand store. Story is on page 6. However the store in this picture is a forerunner of the 'new store'. This one was located on the south side of the square where the Merchantile store is located. The people in the picture were not identified. It is thought that one of the ladies is Kate Wyse (Mrs. Wilbur Naylor) and one of the men could be Ota Shurtliffe.

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WOODSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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In the July issue of In The Beginning we mentioned that the Memorial service was held at the July meeting. That should have read that it was held at the May, 1981 meeting.

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The July meeting of the Woodson County Historical Society was held at the United Methodist Church in Yates Center. It was not a dinner meeting, but a meeting that was advertised in the adjoining counties. It was a special program coming from the State College at Emporia.

Historical Societies from surrounding counties were invited. Several members of the Allen County Historical Society were present. There were 114 present, with 60 of them members of the Woodson County Historical Society. This Chase Co. story was called, "Blessed, Blessed Mama."

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Our membership at present is about the 260 mark, with 132 Life members.

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The Woodson County Historical Museum has had a fair season. It seems like a little more local attendance has been noticeable, although a good many of the older local people have not even been in the building.

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We have received letters from two former Yates Center men for Life memberships to the Woodson County Historical Society, as a result of reading copies of In The Beginning. They were Ross Lamb, Denver, Colorado, and H. A. (Jack) Mertz, Ponca City, Oklahoma.

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We would like to add that we wish more of the local people take an interest in the Woodson County Historical and the Museum. It has taken a lot of work by a few people to get this organization and the Museum where it is and they are proud of what has been accomplished and would like to see it carried on by younger people.

However, some of the older people are still around to help out when the need comes.

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WOODSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Life Membership \$25.00

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THE LAUNDERS FAMILY —

William Launders was born at Yorkshire, England, on April 14, 1832. He came to America in 1850, coming to Will County, Illinois. Here he met and married Miss Elizabeth Ann Monroe, August 30, 1856. Elizabeth was born at Glasgow, Scotland. They were married at Joliet, Illinois.

Elizabeth was born Sept. 5, 1833. When a young girl she moved with her parents to Belfast, Ireland and the following year to London, England. They came to America and to Will County, Illinois in 1853.

William and Elizabeth Ann, were the parents of ten children, two of which died in infancy. Their children were all born in Illinois, before the family moved to Kansas in 1879.



Bericliff William Launders and Ellizabeth Ann Monroe

Mr. Launders died March 18, 1923, and his wife June 12, 1925. Both are buried in the Owl Creek Lutheran Cemetery near where they lived for many years.

William Launders lived on a rented farm for 39 years and Mrs. Launders for 41 years. This is quite a record for both the owner and renters of this farm.

The family of ten children were all born in Illinois and grew up here mostly in Woodson County, but in time scattered widely. The oldest daughter Annie married Albert Schoube. Jennie married Fred Stoll; Emma married John Pringle; William married Cora Isabel O'Neil, Louise married Sheridan DeVaney, Viola married Gerhardt Wesche, Frank and George did not marry.

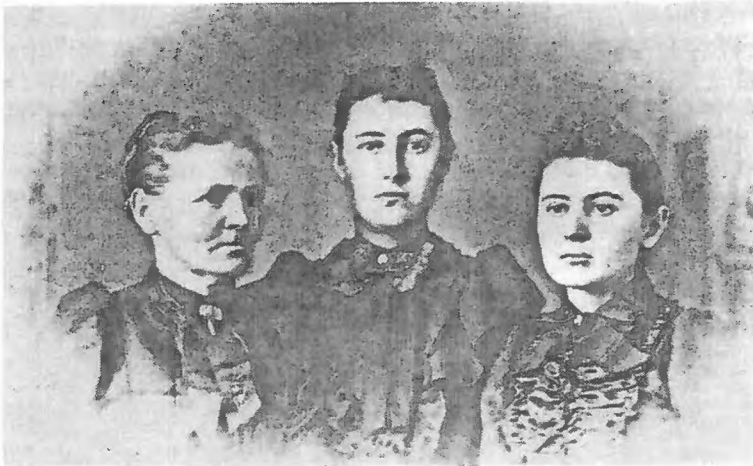
We will not attempt to follow each one of these families of the Lauanders, as they have been gone so many years and the many families have very few roots here. The story of the John Pringle Family is in Vol. 8, No. 32 of In The Beginning and the story of the Peter Grisier Family is in Vol. 14, No. 53. We would like to use some of the pictures of this family. The most of this story about the Lauanders Family is taken from the "Descendents of Elizabeth Ann Monroe and William Bericliff Lauanders," compiled by Mary Grisier George. Quite a lot of it is from the memory of Miss Robena Pringle, who we would like to tell more about.



The Lauanders Farm Home along Owl Creek

While they did not own this farm it was known as the Lauanders farm and home for over 50 years. After the death of their parents, Frank and George who never married but took care of their parents, Frank and George moved to Yates Center in 1946. This farmstead like many another of the old farmsteads was torn down to make new machine and storage buildings. The Lauanders farm as most people knew it was close to the north bank of Owl Creek and most of the land on the south side of the creek was swampy and quite a lot of it covered with water especially during rainy weather.

For several years this farm has been known as the Harold Pierpoint farm, now known as the Pierpoint Farms Inc., being owned and operated by Harold and sons, Jeff and Robin. The creek banks have been diked and the south quarter section and more has been crisscrossed by drainage ditches. The swamp now raises crops on it.



Three Launders Sisters: Annie, Louise and Viola



Standing on the left is George Launders. On the right is Frank Launders. Between them with the cane is their father William Launders.

The Launders Brothers, Frank and George and especially the latter were very active in the social and political affairs of the Owl Creek locality and over the county.

THE NEW STORE, Yates Center News, March 4, 1904 —

One of the monuments of progress which this town can point to with pride and take pleasure in showing to their friends is the big store building recently completed by Stockebrands & Kemmerer and occupied by them only a few days ago. The store building has an excellent location on its corner at the southeast point of the public square and facing Rutledge street on the north and Main street on the west. The building had substantial stone walls in the rear and a pressed brick front and will be encircled on the north and west by a 12 foot cement sidewalk. The lower floor has a floor space 10,500 square feet, being 75 by 140 with an 18 foot ceiling. The building is heated by steam and plumbed for gas and will have its own water works system, a 100 barrel tank being placed on top for that purpose. Hydrants will be placed inside and outside the building for fire protection.

The store has a plate glass frontage of 165 feet which makes the store as light as day and the goods from all parts of the house show to a splendid advantage. Five of the windows have been set off for special display windows and have been made dust proof and this will add very materially to the increase to their trade. A good display window is second to advertising only as a steady, reliable salesman. The dry goods, gents furnishings and this class of goods will occupy the main part of the floor, the grocery department will be found at the southwest entrance and the millinery department which will be in the hands of a competent St. Louis trimmer will be found at the northeast entrance. Every effort will be made by the management to give this town the most up to date store in this part of Kansas. The upstairs has been fitted for a large assembly room with a first class stage with a seating capacity of about 1200 and will be called Central Hall.

There are also 4 office rooms in this building. A seven foot stairway leads to the upper floor and there will be two exits. One in the front and one in the rear. There will be an abundance of ventilation facilities and it will be a very comfortable room for all purposes. The store and the hall both have had the best of steel ceiling and no expense has been spared in getting the best result in all parts of the store. Many new and additional features such as glass show counters, etc. will be added just as soon as things can be arranged for them and in about 30 days the management hopes to present a store that will be the surprise and delight of their large trade. Their motto will be "The best is none too good for customers."

Not long after this, Kemmerer, sold out and it became known as the Stockebrand & Stockebrand Department Store. The Stockebrands mentioned as the owners were Ernest and Henry, who were cousins. The store made another change in a short time, but was still Stockebrand and Stockebrand, Ernest and three sons, Ed, Louis and Elmer. After a short time Elmer decided to go to California.

With failing health, Ernest sold out to Henry Stockebrand.



Business on the square. A scene from the Stockebrand Store on the SE corner of the square. Ernest Stockebrand and his three sons. Ernest Stockebrand on the right, his son Ed just behind him. Elmer and Lou on the left of the isle. A salesman was setting in the chair. The picture was taken about 1915.

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Henry Stockebrand and sons Clarence and Ira ran the store for several years, before it was sold and became the Light and Opperman Hardware Store, and later the Light Hardware Store. For several years it was empty or had different owners.

YATES CENTER NEWS - October 18, 1935 —

Last Sunday, October 13, 1935 marked the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Chambers. Their children and grandchildren down to the 4th generation were there, and the in-laws and a few close friends. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers were married in Liberty township 50 years ago and have lived in the county all these years, raised a large family of boys and girls, all of whom were present except one son.

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August Beine of Yates Center suffered a broken hip Friday when he fell from a tree at the home of his son August Beine, Jr., two miles northwest of Yates Center. Mr. and Mrs. Beine have been planning to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next Sunday.

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October 14, being the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wrampe, many friends and relatives gathered at their home Sunday to help them celebrate.

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Mayor Plumb was in Chanute Wednesday and succeeded in having the Yates Center spillway project approved. This means that there will be some work and some money for this place in a short time.

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Pure cane sorghum. Bring your pails, at Matty's.

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Another barrel of sugar cookies - 5 cents a dozen at Matty's

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Friday morning fire destroyed number 13 schoolhouse north of town, taught by Miss Goldie Williams. The cause of the fire which started from the northwest corner is unknown. When help arrived the building was in flames and they were unable to save anything and everything was destroyed. Including all school supplies and six tons of coal which was recently bought by the school board for the school term and all of the old shingles off the schoolhouse roof which had recently been recovered and packed away in the coal shed that connected the school building which added fuel to the fire.

Arrangements was made with the city school board for the enrollment at Number 13 to enter the various grades in the north school of our city and Miss Williams is added to the faculty force. The pupils from Number 13 are brought to town each day by a school bus which is driven by Lyle Washburn.

GEORGE W. CAMPBELL —

At the head of Turkey Creek, where the North Branch and South Branch come together and form Turkey Creek was the homestead of George W. Campbell. Campbell was born in Cooke County, Illinois, December 20, 1852. His parents were natives of New York. George W. was the seventh of eight children. His two older brothers were killed during the Civil War, one of them never being heard from after he entered the battle.

George W. Campbell came to Woodson County in 1878. Here he worked by the month for a year as a farm hand, after which he purchased 160 acres of raw land. In 1880 he started the improving of the northwest quarter of section 20, Twp. 24, R. 14.

It was also during 1880 that he was married to Miss Eliza Miller, daughter of Joseph Miller, early settler on Turkey Creek. George and Eliza Campbell were the parents of two sons, Sidney and Ira. Neither of the boys married, but stayed on the home farm.

When the Oklahoma district was opened up George W. went to try his luck there. However, he only stayed a year and came back to Woodson County. However, Sidney died in 1911. The following year, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell moved to Strong City, Oklahoma. Meanwhile World War I, had broken out and Ira Campbell was among the first of the draftee's to go from Strong City, Feb. 23rd. Campbell's received notice that their son Ira Campbell had been killed in action on August 30, 1918.

His body was brought back to the United States and to Woodson County, Kansas, and was buried with Military Honors at the Askren Cemetery. (This was the first Military Funeral that this writer ever witness, and may have been the first in that cemetery.)

For many years and it may be there yet was a stump from a petrified tree in the Campbell yard. It was told that George W. Campbell had discovered the stump possibly 2 feet in diameter and weighing several hundred pounds. Mr. Campbell had found this stump on Dry Creek somewhere near the Cave, that was about two miles due west from his home. He had a low iron-wheeled wagon that he backed up to the petrified stump, took off the rear wheels and somehow rolled the stump into this wagon. Several years ago this writer tried to chip some rock from this stump but had quite some difficulty as it was so hard. There has been no one living on the Campbell homestead for a good many years. The James Easum family were living there during the 1930's.



George Campbell and wife Eliza

George W. Campbell was brought back from Oklahoma and buried in the Askren Cemetery. After his death, Mrs. Campbell moved back to Yates Center where she lived until her death.



Phelps School Dist. No. 50, 1926 —

Teacher, Millie Thomas. Pupils L to R back row: Elvyn Mitchell, Florence Cragg, Pauline Heffron, Mary Richards, Alice Smith, Nellie Heffron. Front row: Lorraine Cragg, Zena Richards, Anna Mae Richards, teacher.

ROSTER: Company L, First Kansas Infantry, Camp Wilson, Ft. Sam, Houston, Texas, Sept. 1916.

Captain Earl T. Patterson

1st Lieut. Paul S. Cannady

2nd Lieut. George J. Hunt

1st Sergt. Harry S. Keller

Mess Sergt. John F. Allen

Supply Sergt. Omer D. Dillman

Sergents:

Forrest Havens

Ray Rose

Daward D. Payne

Corporals:

Ray Conley

Simon Nanninga

Leslie McCoy

Buglers:

Vear V. Leighton

William Newhouse

Cooks:

Carson T. Lamborn

Everett P. Sheaffer

Mechanic:

Ray Hartshorn

First Class Privates

James E. Acton

Robert E. Adams

Clifford M. Blue

Ulric F. Crisler

Stanley E. Hardesty

Edgar B. Haymun

Claud T. Hoggatt

Edwin L. Kellogg

Joe D. Kershner

William M. Murphy

Ernst B. McGowan

Tjaart R. Nanninga

Willis Parker

Keith Powell

Marck E. Shepard

Daniel L. Smith

Claud R. Williamson

Elmer H. Wilson

Perry L. Woods

Privates

Dudley G. Burlingame

Herbert P. Hamilton

Ray J. Lawton

Earl H. Moore

Ples S. Robbins

Robert H. Ruble

Elevy B. Smock

William A. Thrasher

Discharged

Mess Sergeant Charles Leighton, Aug. 28, 1916

Mechanic, William W. Klein, Aug. 25, 1916

Corporal, Gordon A. Dulinsky, Sept. 15, 1916



WOODSON COUNTY ADVOCATE - September, 1916 — BACK HOME —

Monday was a gala day at Yates Center. Flags and bunting floated. Business practically suspended. The schools were ready to dismiss, the band was out and a big crowd was ready at the station to greet Co. L of the Kansas National Guard. But before the train arrived, a message from Emporia was sent saying that the train bearing our Company, Garnett, Burlington, Ft. Scott, the Machine Company and Humboldt was wrecked just outside of Emporia.

When they first started from Ft. Riley a horse and buggy were thrown from the track without injury to anyone except the horse being killed. Just before reaching Emporia another horse and buggy were trying to cross in front of the engine when the engineer, in his attempt to save further mishap shut down too quick causing the rails to spread. Three baggage cars and tender went off.

The injured soldiers were Omer Dillman, Yates Center, wrenched back; Robert Adams, Garnett, broken ankle. Adams will be remembered as having married one of our Yates Center girls, Miss Gene VanVoriss just before they went to the Border.

After the wreck the injured were taken to Railroad Hospital. All of the boys waited at Emporia.

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The soldiers in Company L, and the other troops had been sent to the Mexican Border to help settle an uprising there from the Mexican side.

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In less than a year Company L was again called into service as the war with Germany started. We notice one change in the officers as Richard Phillips was the 2nd Lieutenant. The story of their going into camp in what is called the City Park now, but was Lincoln Park. This was locally called Camp Lincoln, where the company did a part of their drilling maneuvers, before being sent to other places of encampment.

Only part of the soldiers in the picture have been identified as follows: Row 1 top from the left, number 6, Ernest McGowan, 7-Everett Shaffer, 8-Percy Hamilton, Row 2: No. 10 Red Rogers. Row 3: No. 3 Simon Nanninga, 4-Keith Powell, 5-John Allen, 7-Clifford Blue. Row 4: No. 4, 1st Lieut. Paul Canady, 5-Capt. Earl Patterson, 6-2nd Lieut. Richard Phillips. Seated on the ground are the two buglers, Vear Leighton and Wm. Newhouse.

OLD ROCK HOUSE OF SOLOMAN KESNER —

In the writers work for the Woodson County ASC, over the county we would occasionally come across an old farm building, odd place or something that would arouse my curiosity. Becoming interested we would start looking for more details.

Such a place as this was an old two story native sandstone about 8 miles north, 3 east and a short distance north from Yates Center. At that time Albert Halman had just purchased the 80 acres from Jack Lukins.

This old house had two stories besides a basement. One can enter the first floor at ground level on the west side next to the road and the basement at ground level on the east side. As one enters the basement door on one of the lower rocks is the inscription: "S. Kesner built this house in 1880." This aroused my curiosity so we started to find out who S. Kesner was.

Solomon Kesner was a native of Perry County, Indiana. He was born there in 1832. Stayed there until 1855, when he moved to Illinois and then to Iowa. In 1857, Kesner came to Coffey County, Kansas, near LeRoy. In 1854, Solomon Kesner had married Miss Sabra Ketterman. They cleared and improved a farm where they lived until 1879. When he sold out and purchased 80 acres in Woodson Co.

This was the south half of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Twp. 23, Range 16 mentioned above. He purchased this 80 acres from Mathew Gleason for \$700. One of the main branches of Cherry Creek ran through the 80 acres.

We will now take up the story as written to us by Mrs. Cecil Shimer who with her husband Vance lived in the old rock house from 1949 to 1966, and were the last ones to live there.

Back to the Old Rock House: It was built in 1880, just over one hundred years ago, and built on the side of a small hill. On the east side you walked right in at ground level that was the basement, the floor was big flat rocks, the walls were two foot thick and six feet deep in the ground. The first floor was two rooms 15 x 17 and a frame kitchen 12 x 15. The first floor opened level with the ground on the west side. The second or top story had three bedrooms.

One evening I was at the barn just starting to milk when a large car from California drove in. A young man got out and introduced himself, then said, his mother and greatgrandmother were in the car. Said they wanted to see the cows milked as they had never seen one milked with a machine. Then he helped an old lady out of the car, she was about five feet tall, and said she weighed seventy-five pounds. Her hair was white and she looked little and frail.

She told that her father bought the land and built the old rock house. She was fifteen years old when he built or rather had the house built. Solomon Kesner owned a boarding house in Neosho Falls and was salesman for Stark Nursery. (Mr. and Mrs. Kesner were the parents of seven children.) Her father cleared off the southwest quarter and built the house, barn and put out 5 acres of apples. He put out all of the old varieties, and sold his apples in Kansas City. That quarter was in most all oak timber. He was out one day cutting and hewing the logs from the best trees he was going to build a log house.

Two men came by in an old ox cart. They stopped and came over where he was, and one asked what he was going to do with those good logs. He answered that he was going to build a log house. Then one asked 'why not build a rock house?' He said he didn't know who would build it and it would cost too much to get the rocks quarried and laid up. So they talked awhile then went out and looked the place over, came back and said, "You have the rocks alright and if he would furnish them room and board while they worked and give them their choice of two big red steers to make oxen, they would cut the rocks, bring them in, hew them and lay them up to the two stories, with two feet thick from six feet underground.

Mr. Kesner asked them when they could start and they said "now." So they started that afternoon."

Mr. Kisner moved in a sawmill, made lumber out of the best of his timber. The floors, doors, window frames, stairway and shingles were made from this lumber.

Solomon Kesner evidently did not believe in staying in one place very long. He soon sold the farm with the old stone house and orchard. (However the 5 acres of apples is quite along way from the 20 acres that is mentioned in Kesner's biography in 'Andreas History of Kansas', that was published in 1883.

After selling his farm Kesner moved to LeRoy where he operated a hotel. Then traded for a grist mill in Elk County; then back to a farm in Woodson County. He was an insurance and loan agent in Sedan and later in Yates Center. He also worked for six months building a double bunch hay rake, for which he later succeeded in getting a patent.

After a hundred years the old house has not changed too much although it has not been occupied for many years. Bert Halfman, wife and two children live in a trailer house along the west side of the old house, and have plans to renovate the old rock house.



Copy of picture taken of the old Rock House as it looked in the 1960's when the Vance Shimer family lived there.



The old house has had a new face-lifting, both inside and out. It is being made into a modern house by the Halfman family.

DOCTORS IN YATES CENTER OVER 100 YEARS —

This will be a short resume of the various doctors that practiced in Yates Center and surrounding areas.

Dr. E. V. Wharton came to Yates Center, August 20, 1876, and was the first medical man, "to fan the breezes of the county seat with his shingle". Dr. Wharton came to Yates Center, from Kalida, about the time that Yates Center became the county seat. He was a school teacher before taking up the practice of medicine. (Incidentally Dr. Wharton's early day surgical tools are in the Woodson County Historical Museum. The Whartons were early settlers in Coffey Co.

Another doctor coming here from Kalida was Dr. W. F. Girdner. He came to Yates Center in 1877, after being at Kalida four years. Dr. Girdner had come to Kansas from Nebraska, and stopped at the small town of Chellis before it became Kalida. he was there in 1869.

The doctors in Yates Center in 1877, were besides the two above were Drs. Skinner and Turner.

Dr. Turner came to Woodson County in 1872, and located on a homestead, northeast of Yates Center. He came here from Kentucky,

Dr. O. J. Skinner came to Woodson County in 1872, and located on a claim adjoining Dr. Turner.

Dr. H. W. West came to Woodson County in 1880, and was a protege of Dr. Turner for awhile. Not long after this Dr. Ernest Haradan came from Kentucky. Just before Dr. H. W. West retired, his son Dr. Harry A. West came back to Yates Center and practiced with his father for awhile. Most all of the Dr. West medical tools and instruments are in the Woodson County Museum.

Dr. George Rutledge came here from Jacksonville, in 1881. In 1882, a school mate, Dr. George H. Phillips came here and went into a Johnson Drug store as a partner. These two doctors came from Abner Yates home town and evidently were friends of his.

Dr. George W. Lee, came to Yates Center in 1889. He stayed here a short time and then moved to Toronto. After sometime he moved back to Yates Center, where he carried on a good practice. Dr. George R. Lee took over the practice of his father.

Dr. Emerson K. Kellenberger, a native of Indiana, first came to Woodson County in 1882, and with his brother Melvin operated a cattle ranch seven miles southwest of Yates Center. In 1883, he located in Yates Center and became one of the county's popular doctors. He operated a small hospital in

the stone building at 110 E. Rutledge. At different times he was in partnership with Dr. O. J. Skinner and then with Dr. Otis Orendorff.

Dr. S. J. Bacon came to Yates Center in 1880 and purchased the Wolfer Drug Store. He was in the drug business as well as work in the professional field. He was a horse fancier for some years.

Dr. Otis Orendorff came to Yates Center in 1893 fresh from medical college, was associated with Dr. Kellenberger for several years.

Dr. B. F. Browning after trying several locations in Kansas, located in Yates Center in 1893. He seemed to have come from Virginia. His ad in newspaper stated, "Phone 183 day or night".

Dr. Mada Oliver was an Osteopathic Physician here in 1912.

In 1901, there was a Mrs. R. S. Jones, Doctor of Pantherapy.

Other doctors who came here though not in the order we have them listed here were: Dr. A. C. Gingus, Dr. S. H. Murphy and Dr. M. S. Reynolds, were all popular doctors during the years they practiced here. Dr. Robinson, was perhaps the largest practicing physician in the town.

Dr. C. B. Varnum, an osteopath, practiced here for quite a few years. His son, Dr. W. L. Varnum followed his father in that profession here.

Mrs. McCoy, practiced here for a few years as a chiropractor, as did Dr. Henry Stephenson, followed by Steve Weilert, coming here from Chanute. Frank Stone also followed this profession for awhile.

Other doctors here for short time were, M. C. Newman, S. E. Bamford, Dr. Pusey.

In 1962, Dr. John Atkins, came here and built a clinic. Two other doctors practiced at the clinic with him were: Drs. Turner and Schultz. During 1975 there was no resident doctor here, as Dr. Atkins went back to Oklahoma. Dr. David Hanson of Iola, spent some time in the afternoons at the clinic until Dr. Atkins came back.

In the field of dentistry, perhaps the first dentist in the town was J. S. Fordyce, who practiced here in the 1880's. Dr. O. B. Trusler, dentist also came about that time. Other dentists practicing here were C. B. Burnett. Herbert Trusler, was here for quite some time. He was followed by his son Allen Culver. Dr. Herschner, a left handed dentist was also here.

Another doctor that deserves mention is Dr. E. J. Kluender and his assistant Dr. Dale Herder. However these two were Optometrist or "eye doctors". Dr. E. John Kluender was a great worker with the youth of Woodson County.

Drs. George Lee and Harry A. West who followed their fathers in the medical profession were the last of the "old country doctors" who went day or night to all parts of the county from wherever the call came from. Weather and roads probably made a difference in their minds, but they would always go where their duty called.

No doubt we have missed some doctors but if they are brought to our attention we will list them in another issue. This list does not cover pioneer doctors of Neosho Falls, Toronto nor Belmont, or at Burt.

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Dr. J. L. Jones came to Yates Center in October, 1882. He had practiced at Kalida when that was a town, and was known in Yates Center.

Dr. Harry A. West was a veteran of World War I. Following the war he continued the medical profession in coming back to Yates Center about 1928, moving into his father's office. Later he established his doctor's office across the street.

Most of his equipment was donated to the Woodson County Museum.



Dr. George Lee was a veteran of World War II. He was stationed in the hospital in Algiers, Africa during the War.

After returning back to the U.S., he took up his practice of medicine. Going in with his father Dr. George W. Lee.



FAIRVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 —

When we started the history of this school we thought we had a full story of the first settlers, but we evidently did not.

The land on which the schoolhouse stood had been given to the Katy Railroad, who in turn sold to Darwin E. Ward. It was on December 30, 1872, that Ward gave a lease to school district, No. 42. Darwin E. Ward sold the quarter section to C. W. Langton, who in turn deeded the fraction of land to the school district. This location was in the southwest corner of the S.W. quarter of Section 29, Twp. 23-R. 16.

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Teachers of this school starting in 1881 were: A. J. Holt, J. H. Brown, Mollie Dawson, Ella Ellis, Isaac Hearn, E. H. Prather, Maga Seffingwell, Anna Wells, J. Webb, Clara Fergus, 1890; I. A. Robison, Lutie Brown, Minnie Harris, Belle Herdman, Ora Grubbs, Chas. Seaton, J. S. Brady, 1900; Myrtle Trout, Zoe E. Johns, Florence Mitchell, Mrs. Sherman, J. E. Sherman, Minnie Pickering, Loula Dodd, Elden E. Gepharte, Myra Andreas, Almeda Stines, Fannie McCormick, 1916 to 1919; Verda Neighberger, Hilda Staton, 2 terms; Ola Saferite, 3 terms; Mrs. Lois Morgan, Mildred Nantz, 27-28, Lucille Adams, Madeline Saferite, Verna Darst, Florence Denney, Pauline Lynn, Ruenella Duncan, Nora Hess, 2 terms, Leoti Mulsow, 3 terms; Mrs. Helen Foster, Mrs. Evelyn Morris, '43-'45; Mrs. Mae Morris, Maxine Hamm, Mrs. Leafie Kincaid, Mrs. Norma Shepard, 1949. End of school.



Fairview school, 1927-28, teacher Mildred Nantz, pupils L to R: Top row, Alberta Darst, Bud Briles, Genevieve Keinlen, Myrtle Bromagen, Josephine Kienlen, Lila Bromagen, Gladys Cochran, Front row: Harold Cochran, Velma Kienlen, Buelah Bromagen, Ronald Bromagen, Dorothy Cochran, Dean Bromagen and Glenn Turner.

The Teachers' Term Report to the District Clerk for the term of Sept. 1932 till April 21, 1933, was given by Verna Darst. Pupils enrolled this term were: Ramona Cheney, Alice Munsell, Eugene Pittman, Wilma Stark, Clarine Richard, Eleanor Cheney, Alta Cheney, Louise Wells, Francis Munsell, Mildred Smith.

Five grades were taught to these ten children. The teacher was a graduate of the Vernon Rural High School. Clarine Richard and Alta Cheney were the only pupils perfect in attendance. This report was for one-teacher schools.



Miss Leoti Mulsow was teacher at Fairview three terms, 1939-40, '41. This picture was taken during one of those years. Pupils in the picture, left to right in back row are, (Donald) Jack Lukins, Max Adams, Donald Lohrenz, Willard Lohrenz, Willard Lohrenz, Bob Adams, Hazel Lohrenz, Burton K. Silvey, Margaret Ann Adams, Lila Ann Adams, Lila Ann Silvey. Boy on end unidentified.

YATES CENTER NEWS, October 6, 1882, Geo. E. Faler, Editor

To Loftus Grey, Esq., of Liberty township we are indebted to for a gallon of the nicest sorghum we have seen in the state. It was made from the little Amber cane, every pan of syrup being boiled down to the proper consistency without filling. It is as clear as honey and is entirely free from the unpleasant flavor usually becoming to sorghum.

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Our school opened Monday with an enrollment in the several departments of one hundred and sixteen. The board have rented the new stone building of Julius Schmidt near the courthouse, for the primary school, Miss Harris' department. This is not the best locality in town, but the best they could do at present. (The stone building was a two story native stone building that stood for quite a few years just to the north of the present post office building. The courthouse mentioned was at time across the street to the south of the post office.)

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Contractors and builders can get special terms on large bills by calling at the lumber yard of S. A. Brown & Co. west of the square.

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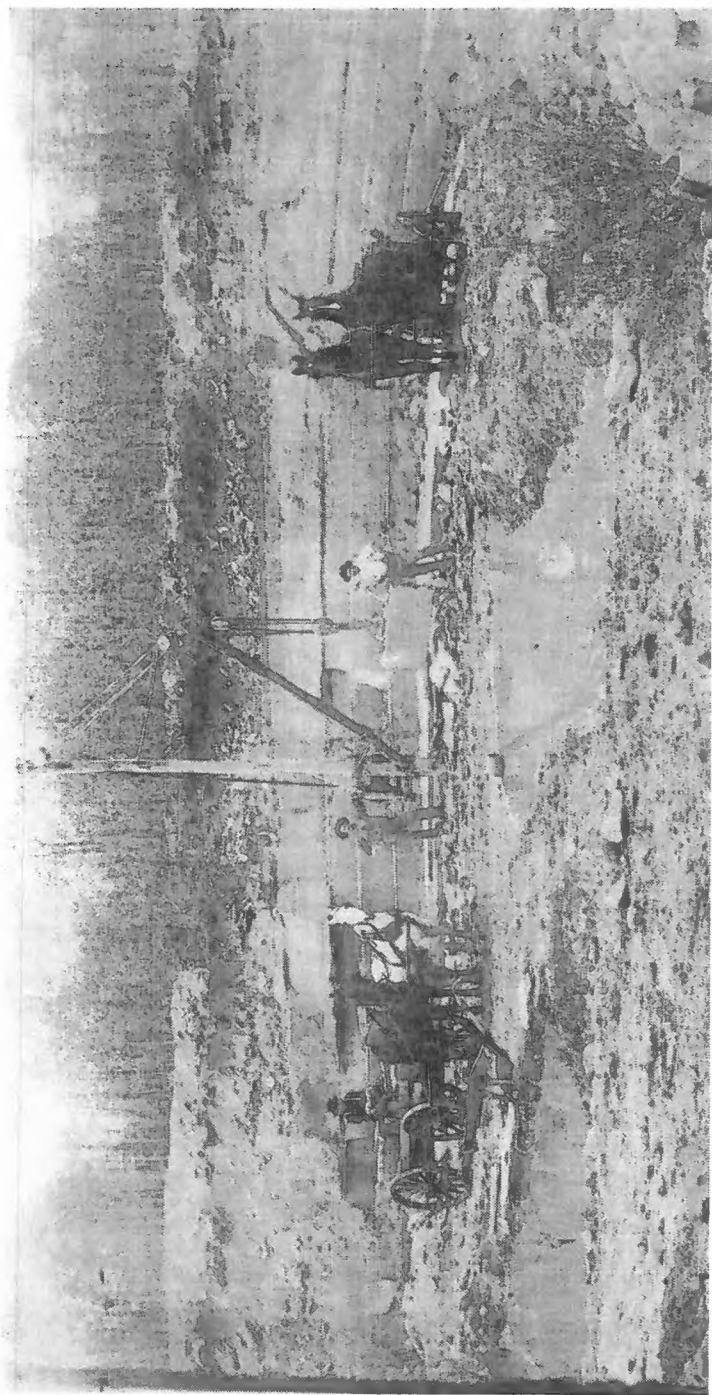
Messrs. Lilly & Norris have taken possession of their recent purchase, the furniture store, business and good will of S. Johnson. Mr. Lilly went to St. Louis this week to purchase a new stock with which they will soon have their building filled from foundation to garret. (This is the stone building recently sandblasted and renovated on the west side of the square in Yates Center.)

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The Eminence Baseball Club, will play any regular club within the counties of Greenwood, Elk, Wilson & Woodson, on the grounds of the Yates Center Reds, three weeks from tomorrow for \$20 a side, notice of acceptance to be sent two weeks before time of game. All letters should be addressed to J. W. Clark, Rose post office, Woodson County.

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On Monday of last week M. Reedy, Esq., of Owl Creek weighed 40 head of 3 years old steers, at this place, which averaged 1175 pounds. They were taken from grass without feed, of good grade and constituted the best lot of three year olds we have seen. They will be fed the next four months by J. A. Freer and then placed upon the market.



Harry (Henry) Ashley stone quarry, northeast part of Yates Center. Man on left with team of horses, Jim Hampton, man in center unidentified, other man with horses is Frank Robson. Rock being quarried and delivered for the First Christian Church in Yates Center, 1904.

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Milton & Virginia Schornick	Daylight Donut Shop
Kenneth & Barbara Stockebrand	Edwin H. Bideau Associated
John V. Glades Agency	Agency, Chanute
Street Abstract Co., Inc.	First National Bank, Toronto
State Exchange Bank	Blackjack Cattle Co., Inc.
Self Service Grocery	Yates Center Elevator
Krueger's Variety & Dry Goods	Jasper's Shopping Spot
HiWay Food Basket	Bill Taylor-Gen. Agent
Piqua Farmers Co-op	Woodson Co. Farm Bureau
Gaulding Oil Co.	Atkin Clinic
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Superior Bldg. & Supply, Inc.	Linde Barber Shop
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Herring Hardware & Supply	Rex Butler, Nashville, TN
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